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1. US to complain to USSR over jamming of "Voice of America"--
The State Department has instructed US Embassy Moscow to complain to Soviet authorities over the jamming of "Voice of America" broadcasts, and to request immediate remedial action. The Department has conclusive evidence that the jamming is intentional.
2. US-UK plan to arm Austrian police--The US Military Attache in London reports that local US and UK officials are agreed that attention should be directed now to the strengthening of Austria's security forces.

(CIA Comment: The need for a strengthened security force has become particularly important in view of Austrian forces now under Soviet control which the Austrian Ministry of Interior believes number 10-12,000.)

EUROPE

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Reported fear of economic sanctions--
US Ambassador Steinhardt has been informed by several of his Latin American colleagues that the new Communist Minister of Foreign Trade is "frantically" seeking to enter into trade negotiations with Columbia, Brazil and Venezuela. Steinhardt adds that this action confirms his belief that the Czechoslovak Communists fear the consequences of economic sanctions by the West and realize that such sanctions might precipitate a crisis which even the Communist Government might not be able to weather.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that, while Czechoslovakia would suffer intense economic dislocations as a result of such sanctions, their application would not bring about the downfall of the present regime.)

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4. **PAKISTAN:** Alarm over tribal situation in Kashmir--US Ambassador Ailing in Karachi reports that Jinnah recently characterized the Kashmir tribal situation as "a million times more dangerous" than it was a few months ago. Ailing is convinced that any plan for solving the Kashmir dispute which does not have both the appearance and substance of providing a strictly impartial plebiscite under neutral control is almost certain to make matters worse. Ailing believes that if a plan providing these elements is offered, the Government of Pakistan can with good hope of success prevail upon the tribesmen and Kashmiris to cease fighting.

General Bucher (the British Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army) has concurrently expressed to US Ambassador Grady in New Delhi the belief that Pakistan is fearful lest the 80,000 tribal raiders (only 12,000 of whom are actually in Kashmir) might turn against Pakistan after having exhausted the possibilities of obtaining loot in Kashmir, thus causing the breakdown of public order in West Punjab (Pakistan). According to Grady, Bucher himself believes that the tribesmen cannot pillage additional territory in Kashmir without suffering heavy losses from the Indian troops and may therefore move south into the East Punjab (India) for further looting.

FAR EAST

5. **CHINA:** National Government reorganization believed probable--US Embassy Nanking has been informed [redacted] that Chiang Kai-shek is now turning from the Kuomintang's right-wing "CC Clique" to the more moderate Political Science Group. Source adds, however, that the latter Group is now dissatisfied with Chiang's lack of leadership and is contemplating a coup d'etat to replace him, if Chiang does not voluntarily step down from the presidency or "provide leadership required in the present exigency."

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The Embassy considers a coup d'etat unlikely because Chiang is almost certainly aware of the growing sentiment against him in Government circles and is adroit at political maneuvering. However the Embassy considers that some Government reorganization in the near future is probable and believes that this will result in more effective leadership and more positive policies than now exist.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Chiang is probably capable of overcoming the reported internal opposition and will remain in power at the present time, but in so doing will have to make adjustments with various factions within the Kuomintang. These maneuvers may take place at the current meetings of the Party's Central Executive Committee currently in session. However, CIA believes that any change in the composition of the present Government, directed toward either eliminating Chiang or reducing his influence, would weaken Nationalist will to continue fighting the Communists and would increase Nationalist tendencies to seek a compromise political solution of the civil war.)

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